GEN, MERCIER'S STORY OF HIS AR-REST AND COURT-MARTIAL.

Would Not Disclose the Identity of Those Who First Directed Suspicion Toward Dreyfus The Alleged Confession-Mereler Refused to Answer Several Pertinent Questions-Gen. Billot's Evidence.

Special Cable Desputch to The Spin. PARIS. April 9 - The Figure publishes this orning the testimony given by Gen. Mercier, Minister of War at the time of the Dreyfus court-martial, given before the Court of Cassation on Nov. 8, 1808. Gen. Mercler relates that the document referring to "that canaille D" came to the War Office through a secret medium. Suspicion was aroused and search was made to discover the traitor who was conveying intelligence to foreigners. Later the authorities were warned to seek for him in the Second Bureau. Then followed the borderenwhich was brought by a most confidential agent and handed to Col. Henry, who gave it to Col. Sandherr. It was later passed to Gens, Gonse and Boisdeffre and finally to Mercier.

Gen. Mercier says, "did not then know Drevfus, tien. Beisdeffre brought me pieces for comparison when he struck a resem blance to Dreyfus - writing. I told President Casimir Perler and Premier Dupuy, who agreed that an inquiry was necessary, and M. Gobert was instructed to make it. Gobert thought at first that there was a resemblance and asked me the writer's name. I did not tell bins. Finally he must a report, which was neutral, and I had recourse to Bertillon, who declared the writer's identity

"I ordered the arrest of Drevius on the 14, Gen. Boisdeffre simultaneously ordering De Paty de Clam to institute a preliminary inquiry for the detection of the culprit. A test followed, convincing Do Paty de Clam and Cochofort of Dreyfus's guilt. Dreyfus was imprisoned in his house and his wife warned to be silent.

Gen. Merejer refused to disclose the name of the agent bringing the "canaille" bordereau, on the pica that it would be endangering the interests of the State. He also refused to name the person who suggested the search of the Second Bureau. Gen. Mercier deals with the documents mentioned in the bardereau for the purpose of fixing the date. M. Pelleties produced a negative report and MM. Charavay and Terponnteres an affirmative report. Drev-fus told Du. Paty de Clain that some one had stolen his handwriting, thereby admitting the

'After the court-martia: had been decided.' Gen. Mercier says, "I sent Du Paty de Clam to tell Drovfus that his condemnation was cer tain, but the penalty would lepend on the revelations the prisoner made. Dreyfus did not speak throughout the trial. Foreign attaches were not mentioned, yet Drevius said to Du Paty de Ciam that he 'would like to out the throats of those two attaches."
"Du Paty de Clam asked: "Which two?"

Dreylus replied: Those two belonging to

Du Paty de Clam asked But are ther Dreyfus replied: 'Austria doesn't count, Du Paty de Clam immediately reported to

me this conversation." Gen. Mercier continued, saying that Dreyfue's confession to Capt. Lebrun-Renaud fel-

The President-When it was reported why did you not draft a report on it? Gen. Mercier-When the matter was settled it was not foreseen that the whole Jewish race yould arise solidly around Dreyfus; besides, the leaf in Lebrun-Renaud's pocketbook re-

The President called attention to the fact that Mercier's account differed from that given in Gen. Gonse's letter.

Mercier airily replied: "Lebrun-Renaud can depose exactly the same words that Dreyfus

Gen. Mercier protested energetically against the theory that Dreyfus was employed to convey worthless documents to foreigners as a bait to obtain others. He enumerated other indications of Dreyfus's guilt, Gen. Vanson reported to a conference in the War Office a plan for concentration, requesting that no annotations, which he immediately destroyed. The most important indication, however, consists of the diplomatic dessier in which there is a document containing an incidental mention of Drevfus's full name. This document originates from the surest source, posterior to

Henry's forgery. The President-Were these indications submitted to the court-martial? Gen. Mercler-I don't know.

The President- Were not documents submit-

Gen. Mercier - I am not called upon to an-

Gen. Mercier persisted in his refusal to answer and the President said: "M. Cavaignac, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies, men-tioned two documents containing the initial 'D.' Did these appear in the process?"

Gen Mercier No. The President-Were they submitted to the court-martial?

Gen. Mercier refused to reply.

Questioned respecting Esterhazy, Gen. Mer-cier alleged that it was impossible that Esterhazy knew the contents of the bordereau, even though it was written by him. He finally repeated his conviction that Prorfus was guilty Gen Billo:'s evidence followed. He admitted that he had run over the dossier, but when Minister of War he was unable to devote all of his time to the subject. Asked to give an analysis of the documents in the dossier, he replied: "The request exceeds my memory Moreover, it would be an essential departure from my duty and stepping upon ground covered with diplomatic delicacies

The President Were the documents submitted to the court-martial? Gen. Billot -1 do not know. I made no inquity thereon

The President M. Cavaignee quoted two. Did they convince you? Gen Billot Yes, but my conviction was

shiefly based upon the chose pages. The Henry forgery corroborated only my conviction. I was deeply shocked when the forgery was dipovered, but it did not shake my belief that Dreyfus was guilty.

Gen. Billet was equally vague respecting the veiled woman and the procedure against Es

The President Do you think condemnation justifiable when the secret documents were not shown to the defence.

Gen. Billot I take my stand upon the unani mous verdict of the court-martial, confirmed by the council of revision, and the statements of those conducting the prosecution and wit esses whom I discreetly questioned Dray-

fus was guilty and was logally convicted.

Pages. April 10. The Figure this morning publishes the evidence given by Gon Zurlinden in the Dreyfus case before the Court of Cassation. He said that when he was first appointed Minister of War he was not ther-oughly conversant with the case, and therefore, when Col. Henry's forgery was discovered, he first believed that revision was necessary. Nevertheless, he requested leave from after which he became convinced that Drevius and been justly condemned, and that Col Hen-ry's suicide did not affect the decision of the

Steps had been taken to discover the traiter when evidence had been received that one existed in the War Office. These steps were impersonal and were not directed against Droyfus. If Col. Aboville had returned a few

Dreyfus. If (of Aboville had returned a few days later from his furleugh it is probable that the hordereau would have been classified and focketed away. The hordereau was therefore the bont of denarture of the accusation illegated against Dreyfus.

Gen. Zurituden anamerated the decusation illegated in the bordereau and proceeded to levelop the usual theory of the War Office, which points out the guit of Dreyfus independent of his handwriting. When that was identified by Col. Aboville the result was prushing.

Washington, April 9. The cruiser Raleigh, on her way home from Manula, arrived at Bors much this merning.

20th Century Trains.

The Occlude Special, one night to Denver. The Northwestern Lamind, california in three days to be provided by the mental much of the Marchaelies, the Publish Superior Linguish. The Northwestern Linguish, to Dalum Superior and 3t. Paul. Leave Chesago ship via the Chesago and Northwestern English.

TENNESSEE WANTS HECKMAN.

iov. Roosevelt Won't Surrender Him wit the Molineux Trial Pending Nicholas A. Heckman, who swore before the oroner's jury in the Adam's poisoning case

as an escaped convict, and requisition paper-

she hadn't the slightest idea where her hus

band was. He had never stayed away over

Last Friday morning A. S. Collyer, a lawyer,

CAPT. CLARK GUEST OF HONOR.

To Visit the Trenton Potteries with a Party

of Philadelphians.

TRENTON, N. J., April 9 -Capt. Charles E.

lark, who brought the United States battle-

ship Oregon on her famous trip from the Paifte Ocean to Cuban waters and fought her so

effectively at Santiago, will be the guest of

honor of a party of Philadelphians who will

come to Trenton on Tuesday. The party will

BIT OFF A POLICEMAN'S THUMB.

A Saloon Rowdy Used His Teeth Wher

John Fitzpatrick, a driver of 236 East Thirty-

seventh street, and Patrick Thornton, a clerk

hotel kept by Eugene Riley, at 740 Second

avenue, early yesterday morning and began to

make trouble. The bartender, Michael Weir of

FIRGINIA FAUST TAKEN TO COURT.

Father Complains That She's Incorrigible

She says He Bents Her.

Virginia Faust, the lit-year old daughter of

the Rev. Herman P. Faust of 56 East 118th street, who surreptitionsly left her home on

March 29 and was found in Brooklyn a week

later, was arraigned in the Harlem Police Court

later, was arrouned in the Harlem Police Court
restering by her father, who charged her with
being discreterly. Mr. Faust wanted a private
hearing, but he didn't get it. He complained
that his diaughter was dischedent and incorrigible and would not mind her parents.

"Leannot live with my father," said the girl
to the Magistrate. "He treats me very unkindly, and often beats me. He does not give
me clothes to we sear and I am not dressed as a
girl of my age should be."

Magistrate Crane gave her a little good advice, and she left the courtroom with her
father.

Flames in a Church.

While W. R. Sanford, the sexton of the Park

Congregational Church, at Sixth avenue and Seventh street, Brooklyn, was engaged in

Bishop Coleman Denounces the Philippine War.

WILMINGTON, Del., April 9 - Bishep Coleman to-day in the course of a sermon said it was not consistent with Christianity to "justify a war which practically now appears to be a war of extermination." He also speke of the Philippine conflict as "in-warrantable, mercliess and unjustifiable slaughter."

The Vosemite Leaves Hampton Roads. Nonrotk, Va. April 9 - The auxiliary cruiser

Yosemite anchored in Hampton Boads last

night and this morning at 10.25 a clock passed out Cape Henry, bound for New York, Manih and Guam

The Raleigh at Bermada.

night before, she said.

FORCED A BOY TO STEAL NEGRO BARBER ACCUSED BY TOUNG NEWMEYER.

hat Roland B. Molineux was the man who had Obliged the Lad to Meet Him at Night and Help Commit Petty Burglaries, and Gave Him Five Cents in Stolen Postrented from him a private letter box under the name of H. C. Barnet, is wanted in Tennessee age Stamps as Pay for Each Night. have arrived. Heckman seems to have had a tip from somewhere about what was going on. Eugene McCabe, 42 years old, a negro barber, who says he belongs in Bridgeport, Conn. He lives at 237 Flushing avenue, Astoria, but was arraigned before Magistrate Worth in the Gates Avenue Police Court, in Brooklyn, yeshe was not there yesterday, an I his wife said he had not been home all night. Mrs. Heekman terday, charged with having forced an entrance into the drug store of Louis Wendell, at 1930 was apparently very much worried, and said Fulton street, on Wednesday night, and stealng \$3 worth of postage stamps and \$3 in all ver from the money drawer.

For the past fortnight a number of stores i the Atlantic avenue precinct have been robbed m Friday last several boys told the police that Henry Newmeyer, 11 years old, of 1713 Bergen treet, had tried to purchase a ticket to one of the theatres by paying for it with postage stamus. Detectives Price and McCurdy of the Atlantic avenue station found Newmever at his ome, and after questioning him for a few minutes he told his story, which explains all he robberies of the past fortnight. Two weeks ago, he said, he was met on the

treet by McCabe, whom he had never seen be fore, who told him to meet him that midnight and help him rob a greenry store. He said that he would not do such a thing, but the negro showed him a revolver and said: "If you don't meet me I'll go to your house and

night before, she said.

Last Friday morning A. S. Collyer, a lawyer, and Detective Casteen, both of Nashville, presented to Gov. Roosevelt at Albany requisition papers from the Governor of Tennessee, asking for the surrender to that State of P. P. Raylond, ailas Heckman, alms Williams, who is wanted there for breaking out of the Nashville penitentiary while he was serving a sentence for larceny. The necessary warrant for the apprehension of Heckman, as he is known in New York city, if he is the same man, was issued by trox. Roosevelt and the two emissaries from Nashville left for New York. On Saturday morning Gov. Roosevelt received a letter from District Attorney Gardiner saying that Heckman was one of the principal withesess in the Molineux case, and that the requisition proceedings had been undertaken by the defence with the view of getting. Heckman out of the State. The District Attorney expressed the opinion that if Heckman had not been connected with the Molineux case the requisition proceedings would never have been had. In fact, he declared his behefthat Heckman was not the man wanted in Tennessee. When this state of facts was presented to the Governor had nected with the Molineux case the requisition proceedings would never have been had. In fact, he declared his behefthat Heckman was not the man wanted in Tennessee. When this state of facts was presented to the Governor had here is successful to the discernor his pardon clerk, Judge Joyce, communicated with District Attorney Gardiner and instructed him to notify Chief of Pelice Devery not to allow the execution of the warrant issued by the Governor had Heckman is apprehension until further orders. There the natter rests, although they Roosevelt, even if Heckman is the nan wanted, will not allow him to be taken out of the State until District Attorney Gardiner and heckman is the nan wanted, will not allow him to be taken out of the State until District In fear of his life, the boy says, he sneaked ut of his home and kept the appointment. The negro took him to a grocery store at Dean street and Utica avenue and ordered him to break the window in the rear, crawl through lessed by the Governor for Heckman's apprehension until further orders. There the matter rosts, although tow. Roosevelt, even if Heckman is the man wanted, will not allow him to be taken out of the State until District Attorney Gardiner is through with him.

The Tennessee authorities say that Heckman, under the name Ferry F. Heymond, was convicted of larceny in Nashville in January, 1863, and sentenced to prison for two years. They allege that he escaped after serving two weeks of that time, and that they have just learned of his whereabouts.

A young woman named Biancho M. Graham is said to have given, the Tennessee authorities the information on which they are acting. This young woman has made a long affidavit in which she declares that Heckman, who was then known as Joseph C. Evans, ruined her in 1800 and that after that she travelled around the country with him as his wife. She had knowledge of a number of robberles committed by him, she says. After his arrest in Nashville she spent all her money hiring a lawyer for him, she says, and after his conviction she pawned her jewelry and bribed a guard to let him escape. After escaping be deserted her and came to New York from where he has written to her a number of times. She swears that the man who was sentenced to two years imprisonment in Nashville as Percy E. Reymond and the man known in this citr as Nicholas A. Heckman are one and the same jerson.

The Tennessee authorities have other affidavits as to Heckman's identity with Reymond. Proof of identity must be made in the Sate without the Governer's warrant, had the District Attorney thought necessary; but it is supposed that Major Gardiner knows where he is the broken pane and rob the money drawer. The boy refused, and he says that McCape then broke the glass and entered the store and returned in a few minutes and gave hin five cents in postage stamps. The boy then returned to his home and went to had with out his mother knowing that he had been absent.

The next day, on his return from school, the negro again met him, and made another en-gagement for that night. The boy says he kept the appointment, and at the point of a revelver broke the window in the drug store at Herkimer street and Rochester avenue and robbed the money drawer of stamps and cash. This continued every night. The other places that were robbed were the saloons at Stuyvesan avenue and Fulton street, Utlea avenue and Dean street, the cigar store at Fulton street and Stuyvesant avenue, the drug stores at Fulton street and Lewis avenue, Park place and Buffaio avenue. Dean street and Utica avenue. Ralph avenue and Fulton street, St. Mark's avenue and Buffaio avenue, and Fulton street, St. Mark's avenue and Buffaio avenue, and Fulton street and Saratoga avenue. After each robbers the boy received five cents in postage stamps. Young Newmeyer said there were other places that had been robbed, but he was not able to remember them all.

Young Newmeyer was told not to let it be known that the poince had seen him. He again met McCabe on Friday afternoon and an engagement was made to break into another store. On this occasion McCabe told Newmeyer that if he was ever caught not to implicate him in any way. If you are caught, said McCabe, 'tell the police that some colored boys put you up to do the job. If you give me away and I am arrested and convicted I'll kill you when I come out of prison."

As it rained very hard on Friday night McCabe falled to keep the engagement and the police and the boy went home. Young Newmeyer goes to school during the week and works for a grocer on Saturdays. The detectives had the boy sent out on a wagon on Saturday and they followed behind. When they reached Dean street and Utica avenue the boy gave them the tip that a negro standing on the corner was the man they were after, and the detectives started for him. The negro became alarmed and rain away. McCurdy threatened to shoot him if he Fulton street and Lewis avenue, Park place

come to Trenton on Tuesday. The narty will include fifty or sixty persons, who will be entertained by Mayor Sickel and his business partners. Messrs: Linburg and Broughton, and col. Oliphant of the United Rubber Company. The party will some to Trenton in a special car, leaving Philadelphia at noon. Upon their arrival they will go to the State House, where they will be introduced to Gov. Voorhees. Then they will go to the Trenton House Grill, where they will have luncheon.

After this a visit will be made to several of the potteries. A desire to see the practical workings of this Trenton industry is one of the chief reasons for the trip to this city. Besides Capt. Clark the party will include Rear Admiral Charles O'Neill, Capt. John H. Sands and several other United States naval officers. Provost Harrison of the University of Pennsylvania, Charles E. Pugh, Second Vice-President, and R. W. Smith, Trensurer of the Pennsylvania Charles E. Pugh, Second Vice-President, and R. W. Smith, Trensurer of the Pennsylvania Bailrond Company; John H. Converse of the Baidwir Lecondive Works, Director W. F. Wilson of the University and Museum, Capt. John J. Read, tien L. M. Wagner, John L. Kenzle and Major Moses Veale the station house.

The police have verified all the statements made by the boy as to the places robbed. They found that in each place not more than \$10 was stolen, including the stamps. Magistrate Worth held McCabe for examination, and the low was sent to the care of the Children's

Society.

Mrs. Newmeyer is a widow. When she heard the story, she said she could not believe it. She said the boy slept in the same room with her and she was positive that he was asleep each night before she retired. The boy, however, said that he was in such fear that he pretended to be sleeping, and as soon as his mother was sound asleep he crawled out of bed, dressed himself, secured the key and then went out to meet Met abe, and after the robberios returned home and crawled into less without his mother knowing that he had been out.

EIGHTH MASSACRUSETTS HOME. Last of the Bay State Soldiers to Return

Boston, April 9.- The transport Meade with he Eighth Massachusetts Regiment on board arrived at her dock this afternoon, and at it o'clock the men marched from the dock to the of 250 West Sixty-eighth street, went into a South Armory through the principal streets. Thousand of people stood in the streets

Thousand of people stood in the streets awaiting the parade from 11 in the morning until it passau. The regiment, 1,150 men and 43 officers, was reviewed by Gov. Wolcott at the State House. The men secured forty-eight hours leave of absence, and left for their homes late in the atternoon.

This is the last of the four Massachusetts regiments to return. In command of Col. William A Pew, it went first to a Southern camp and later to the southern cases of Cuba, returning to Boston from Matanzas. It did not see any active service.

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make trouble. The barrender, Michael Weir of 584. Third avenue, remonstrated with them and finally got them out into the street. Soon afterward the pair returned with an axle wrench and a pitchfork and started in to clean out the place.

Weir ran and called in Policeman Gleason, and the men were again put out. They fought so hard in the street that Gleason had to call Policeman O'Neill to help him. The growd that gathered took sides with the fighters and one of the spectators finally tripped up O'Neill. He fell with Thornton on top of him and the latter got the policeman's thumb in his mouth. Before Gleason could come to the resence he had chowed the thumb completely off.

The two men were finally subcluded and taken to the station house. O'Neill had his hand dressed by an ambulance surgeon. He was too weak yesterday morning to aspean in court against Thornton. Both prisoners were held for examination. The Hon A. M. Clapp, formerly Congressional Printer, who was stricken with paralysis on Tuesday last, died in Washington resterday afternoon. Mr. Clapp was born in Killingley, Mass. Sept. 14, 1811, the descendant of Roger Clapp, who landed at Nantasket in the schooner Mary and John. June 17, 1630. When he was his parents moved to Livingston county N. , and when 14 he entered a printing office at Genesee to learn the trade, which he finished in Buffalo. In 1835 he established the Aurora Standard, and three years later became editor and part proprietor of the Buffalo Commercial Identiser. In 1840 he established the Express in that city Mr. Clapp was a delegate to the Pittsburg convention in 1856, where the Republican convention in 1859, where the Republican party was organized. Under Lancoln's administration he was Postmaster of Buffalo, but was removed by Johnson in 1899. In March, 1868, Mr. Clapp was elected Congressional Uniter, and, selling the Express, he removed to Washington. He continued in that office until 1877. Then he purchased the National Republicans, publishing and editing it until 1880, when he sold out and retired from active life. His family consists of an unmarried daughter and two sons. Funeral services are to be held at Calvary Baptist Church on Tuesday at noon. The interment is to be in Buffalo. Richmond Robert Donnelly, President of the Likeside Press, died on Saturday might at his home in Chicago of apoptexy. He was control at a table leading when he suddenly fell forward unconscious For thirty-five years. Mr. Donnelly was prominent among the publishers of Chicago, and his business increased from small proportions until it becomes of the largest in the West. In 1874, he founded the Lakeside Library Publishing Company. He published Chicago, Strat City Liprectory. He was born in Hamilton, Canada, in 1889. party was organized. Under Lancoln's adminseventh street, Brookyn, was engaged in lighting the church but-ling, at 7.45 relock last night, he dropped a piece of burning paper on some bunting that was in the storetroon in the basement. In an instant the bunting was in a blaze. An alarm was sent in, but by the time the freemen arrived the fire had been extinguished by the sexton, whose hands were slightly burned. The fire old not interfere with the holding of the regular services, and only a very low knew that anything out of the ordinary had happened. The damage is estimated at about \$10.

Company. He published Chicago's first City Idirectory. He was born in Hamilton, Canada, in 1899.

Menard & Bowen, President of the Chicago City Rallway Company, died last night at the Chicago Hespatial, from the effects of an operation for atmendicitis seriormed yesterday. He was ionial Jefferson Barracks, Mo. in 1858. He was a son of tien John's Bowen, When juste a young man be carned a reputation as a street rallway manager in Kansas City From there he went to Chicago as Simerintendent of the City Hailway Company. In January, 1887, he was elected General Manager, and in January, 1888, was made President of the city Hailway Company. In January, 1887, he was elected General Manager, and in January, 1888, was made President of the crad.

The Rev. Richard Osborne, 73 years of age, a policial President of the City Mailway. He was a composer of church music and some of his hymnes are in the stundard collections.

George T. Clarendon Dead.

FLIZABETH, N. J., April D. George T. Claren on, a broker, who lived with his brother at 200 Washington avenue, this city, fell dead this morning while walking near his home. He was 30 years old and unmarried. He had been III, and it is supposed that his death re-sulted from heart failure.

No Better Advertising Medium r.al estate properties or have the same to dispose.

C. F. C. AND RAPID TRANSIT. Charles Sprague Smith Enlists Its Sympath;

Against a Perpetual Franchise The Central Federated Union devoted a great part of its time vesterday to the question of rapid transis and the opposition which has arisen to the Metropolitan Street Railway Company or any corporation acquiring a franchise in perpetuity for the subway road. Charles Sprague Smith, President of the People's Institute, attended the meeting, and the rules were suspended in order that he might have the privilege of speaking on the subject. Mr

"The time is coming when every one in ich with progressive movements will com bine on both sides of the fence, including the rorkingmen, to see that the purposes for which our Government was first established are realized. The giving away of franchises in New York city from this time forward must The first question will then be settled, and the second question will be how to get back the franchises that have been already There was applause at this, and when be said

There was appliance at this, any was coming and that every man had a right to find employment there was more appliance. He asked that the C.F. L. cooperate with the Proplets Institute in preparing resolutions for a mass-meeting to be held in Cooper Union to morrow light to protest against granting franchises in

night to profest against granting franchises in perpetuity to any corporation.

The request was granted, and a number of the delegates will appear as Vice-Presidents of the meeting.

Beplies were read from Senators and Assemblymen to letters asking them to vote against the bill allowing a corporation to have control of the subway franchise in perpetuity. Gov. Roosevelt's private secretary wrote to say that the Governor would be glad to hear from the C.F.U. when the bill came before him.

A discussion arose over a proposition to send a committee to this week's meeting of the Rapid Transit Committee of the Municipal Council to oppose the awarding of the franchise to any corporation. Delegate Brown objected that they could gain nothing by running after politicians, but it was finally decided that the Committee on Municipal Legislation should attend the meeting.

DRUGGIST UNDER SERIOUS CHARGE.

Accused of Performing an Operation from the Effect of Which a Woman Is Dying. Michael J. Sweeney, a druggist, of 311 Seventh ivenue, was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with having operated criminally upon Mrs.Josephine Gordon of 201 West Twenty-seventhistreet. Mrs Gordon was soill last night that Coroner Bausch took her ante-mortem statement. She denied that Sweeney was responsible for her illness, taking all the blame on herself.

The case came to the attention of the police through Mrs. Taylor of 103 West Fourteenth street, who is Mrs. Gordon's mother. She sent her maid to the West Thirty-seventh street police station yesterday afternoon with the statement that Mrs. Gordon was dving and that two physicians had refused to attend her because of the nature of her illness. Acting Capinin Cooney immediately investigated. From Mrs. Taylor he learned that Sweenev had been attending Mrs. Gordon. He was arrested, but denied ever having been to the home of the Gordons or even knowing them.

Mrs. Gordon was removed to Rooseveit Hospital last night. She is not expected to live. She is lify ears old. Her husband is a silk cutter. John Emmett Gordon, the woman's husband, was arrested at his home. 201 West Twenty-seventh street, at midnight and locked up in the West Thirty-seventh street station on suspicion of complicity in the case. He is a clerk, and works in a dry goods store in Worth street. A third arrest is expected. The case came to the attention of the police

MRS. SHEPARD'S DIVORCE SUIT. Shepard, with Cruelty.

POUGHEKEPSTE, April 9 .- The action brought y Mary K. Shepard against Spencer Howel Shepard, to obtain a decree of separation, came before Justice Barnard at the Special Term yesterday, on a motion for alimony and counse fee. Mr. Shepard's father was a broker, who amassed a fortune in New York. He died several years ago, and the share of his sen, Spencer Howell Shepard, in the estate was said to be worth nearly \$500,000. A few years ago be worth nearly \$500,000. A few years ago he bought a farm in Greenhaven, Dutchess county, and for a time sought to gain a ivelihood by practical farming. The trouble between Shepard and his wife arose in 1837. She charges that he treated her with great cruelty, assaulting her with a whip, using protane language toward her, and compelling her to go after the cows and clean out horse stables. She charges that he kent a servant in the house against her will, whom he kissed and showed improper attention to.

Justice Barnard, after hearing H. H. Vancheef and C. Morschauser for the plaintiff and Liward Hassett for the defendant, allowed Mrs. Shepard \$50 counsel fees and \$6 per week alimony, pending the action.

TALK OF ANNEXATION AT JAMAICA The Canadian Trade Commissioner Says

Reciprocity is What is Wanted. HALIFAX, N. S., April 9 - G. Eustace Burke, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Jamaica, arrived here to-night. He says the stories of inxiety on the part of the people for annexa. tion to the United States are exaggerated. Most of the people, he thinks, are perfectly leval to England. There is indignation, though, against the Coloniai Government on account of the chactment of a new tariff which makes the customs duties much higher. This act. Mr. Burke says, was passed estensibly to mees a deficit of \$250.000, but a better plan would have been to cut down salaries and reduce extenses.

penses. What the people want above all else. Mr. Burke says, is better trade relations with the United States. Reciprocity would be their salvation in the present degreesed state of trade.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Mrs. Agues Ansinger, S5 years old, who was burned at a fire in their home, 140 West Houston street, on Saturator night, died yesterday in St. Vincent's Hos-pital of her intures. Anton Sadie, 27 years old, of 1835 Avenne A, a Bo-hemian diver out of work, died vesterday in the

Autor Sadie, 27 years old, of 1805 Avenue A. a. Bohemian driver out of work died vesterias in the Prosbyterias, Bespital from drinking carbolic and. He had come home drink in the norming and had some home drink in the norming and had sent his wife out to buy more laptor. While she was gone he drank the acid apparently by mistake. The sum of \$7.08.27 has been added to the contributions made for the purchase of a free home for incurable camer, in which Mrs. Bose Hawthorne Lathrop is interested. A contributions may be sent to disk water street, where they will reach Mrs. Lathrop directly, to The dore B. Starr at 200 Fifth avenue, or to J. Warren Greene at 3 Bond street.

Bessie Fads of Kentucky has begin suit in the Inited States Currant Court her agents the Metropolitian Street Railwas Company to revere \$20,000 for migraes precised on Feb. 28 in Astor place, near Broadway. The plaintiff says she stambled over a cold of rope belonging to the company and lying between its tracks. She received internal inturies, and her left arm may become uscless.



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DOLLAR DINNER ORATORS.

BISHOP POTTER TO MEET BRYAN PINGREE AND ALTGELD

Dinner on the 19th-George Fred Williams to Assist Bryan at the Silver Dol-lar Dinner Which Will Cost 10 Cents. The two committees which are arranging son met just evening in the Teutonia Assembly Rooms, at Sixteenth street and Third avenue. Each had a floor of the building to itself.

that's at the Workingmen's Non-Partisan

There was no clash except when one of the Chicago Platform committee attempted to attend the Workingmen's meeting. The Sergeant-at-Arms attended to him. Chairman Boulton of the Workingmen's

committee, which is to dine on April 19, announced that besides William J. Bryan, Bishon Henry C. Potter, Mayor Jones of Toledo, iov. Pingree of Michigan, ex-Gov. Altgeld of Hilinois, Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson and several others had consented to address the workingmen.
Timothy Daly said that if the committee

expected to find it an easy matter to get 2,000 workingmen to buy tickets for the dinner they workingmen to buy tickets for the dinner they were wrong. The dinner must be advertised and interest in it worked up. It was voted to print and distribute 10,000 circulars, describing the feast, and to have all members of the committee aid in the sale of tickets. The tickets are on sale at 1122 Broadway, and every effort is to be made to keep them out of the hands of spaculators.

The silver dollar diners learned for the first time last night what they are to mave to eat on the 15th. The bill of fare is as follows:

Soup Figh. Roast Beef Turkey, can berry sauce. Ice Clean.

Turkey clanterry sauce. Cake.

Coffee: Ice Cream. Cake.

The feast will be served by a Bowery restaurant proprietor for 80 cents a head. He has given a bond in \$1,000 for raithful performance of the contract, and he is not to be raid until April 17.

Secretary Hibbard, who has protested against the action of the committee of fifteen in refusing to invite John C. Sleeban to the dinner, attempted to make a speech on the subject at last night's meeting, but he was not allowed to do so and left the hall in disguist. Another Sheehan supporter also attempted to speak, but he was not allowed to do so. The dinner will begin at 0.30 oclock, and the enting will last until to clock. Then George Fred Williams will speak on Trusts and Monpooles. Jerome O'Neilon O'Our Industries. C. H. Jones on The Platform of 1900. and John S. Crosby, ex-Congressman Towne and Judge J. P. Garvin will address the finers. All of these speakers will get through by 9:30 oclock, and then livyan will begin. It is expected that he will speak for an hour and maybe for an hour and a hair.

DINNER ROW IN MILWAURPE.

marl Over the Wine for the Jeffersonian Banquet on Thursday. MILWAUREE, Wis., April 9.-It will be a sur

rise if the Jefferson Club banquet next Thurs day evening comes off without a row. There is shall furnish the champagne for the Democrat

There have been something like a dozen sumittees on arrangements, and promises have been made to everybody who wanted to

of this contract.

Become Hammel, President of the Jefferson Club, was asked to-day what arrangements had been made to invite certain Altgeld Democrats to the banquet. President Hammel's toply was To hell with the Altgeld Democrats!

WE CAN STAND MUCH, SAYS DR. HALL

'assing of the Democratic Party and the Plight of Its Skeleton. The Rev. Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, Presi lent of the Union Theological Seminary, was to be the lecturer at the formightly meeting of atholic and Protestant workingmen's clubs held in Amity Hall yesterday, but was unable to attend and sent his lecture instead. The

lecture, which was read for Dr. Hall by a young woman, dealt with the responsibilities of American citizenship. The vastness of the territory of the United States, Dr. Hall thinks, tends to the development of sectionalism. This in a great country he considers to a cortain extenat least not to be condemned without qualification, and only bad when used to work out the

ambitious aims of individuals or thrust into We witnessed not long ago," the lecturer said, "the picture of the capture of a national party that looked like the lassoing of a steer by a cowboy. We saw the escape of the lassoed party, which left hide, horns and hoofs behind it, and is now trying to set up its skeleton again."

ton again.

The newspapers and the public platform roverned the country just as much as the statute books and the Legislatures, Dr. Hall said, and the country which could stand that a reform it methods was needed, with a return to the old reverence for states managehir.

HUGH MILLUGHLIN HOME.

The Veteran Democratic Leader Back from Florida, Bronzed and Well.

Former Register Hugh McLaughlin, the veteran leader of the Democracy of Kings county, returned to his home in Brooklyn last night after a three months' vacation at Indian River. Fla. He had every appearance of being in the best of health, and his face was bronzed and his voice strong. He had been the guest of former Fire Chief Thomas F. Nevins at Indian River, and during his stay there enjoyed himself gunning, fishing, and in other ways of a pleasing nature to him. With him during his tay were his wife, his daughter Laura, who is shortly to be married; his niece, Miss Conse and Col. Thomas Kerrigan, who owns the faund Col. Thomas Kerrigan, who owns the famous auctioneer shop on Willoughby street,
where Mr. McLaughlin does all his nolitical
business. These returned with Mr. McLaughlin last night, as did also Mrs. Thomas F. Pearsall, Mrs. P. H. McNuity and former Congressman John J. Chaney. The party were met in
Jorsey City by James Shevilla, who has been in
charge of the Democracy of Kings county
during Mr. McLaughlin's absence: Senator
John McCarthy, William C. Courtney, the sonin-law of the veteran leader, and others. When
the party arrived at the Remsen street house
Mr. McLaughlin was congratulated upon his
fine physical appearance, and then be and Mr.
Shevlin had a short talk.

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TRACKED THIEVES, BUT LOST THEM. Troy Jeweller Did His Part Well, but the

Police Got the Wrong Men ALBANY, April D .- Three sneak thieves operated in Albany and Troy vesterday, and by distracting the attention of employees who waited on them one of the sneaks accured Selffrom the safe in the store of James Vint, an Albany art dealer, and \$20 from the safe in the saddlery and harness store of Manning & Co. in Troy. While in Troy the three thieves, who were young and well dressed, visited the lewelry and art goods store of Moore & Winder. Mr. Winder, who was in the store alone, became convinced that the men were cracks from the namer in which they examined and priced articles. They soon realized that Winder knew it and left his store.

Mr. Winder followed the men to the inilroad

station where they took a train for Albany. Mr. Winder boarded the same train. He passed the men in one of the cars and one of them saw him and mentioned the fact to his comrades. Immediately the three left the car and went should to the smoker. Mr. Winder followed, determined not to lose sight of the men. At the Iron Works station in Troy the crocks waited until the train was about to start and then got off. Mr. Winder got off also. The crooks walked to the end of the station platform and as the last car of the train was passing all three jumped aboard, and Mr. Winder, outwitted but not dismayed was left. He came to Albany on the next train half an hour afterward and learned that the men had bearded the 2:35 train for New York.

Mr. Winder informed Chief of Police Willard here of his experience, and the Chief telegraphed Capt. McClusky to apprehend the men when the train arrived in New York. He heard later that James Devine and James Scott had been arrested, and this afternoon Mr. Vint and Mr. Manning, accommanded by Detective Nolan of this city, left for New York to identify the prisoners and bring them back. ollowed, determined not to lose sight of the

Detective Sergeant Vallely of the Centr Office arrosted two men on Saturday night at the Grand Central Station on the description sent to Capt. McClusky by Chief Willard of Albany of two men wanted there for grand largens. The prisoners gave the names James Bevine and James Seott. In court they were remanded to Folice Headquarters. When Detective Nolan and the complainants arrived yesterday afternoon they declared that the prisoners were not the men wanted, and they will be discharged to-day.

KISSED A BALVATION LASS. Drunken Customer in a Saloon Makes Love

William Murphy was in a saloon at Third evenue and Thirty-ninth street on Saturday night when two Salvation Army lassies entered the place, each with a bundle of papers under

her arm. "Buy a Wor Cry, sir?" the better looking the two asked Murphy. 'Sure. Give me half a dozen," he responded, as he handed her a dollar bill. He told her to keep the change and complimented her

on her good looks. The man had been drink "What's the news in the War Cry?" he asked the Salvation Army girl.

"All about the battle against sin and the campaign of the soldiers of Christ," she an

ampaign of the soldiers of Christ," she answered.

Murchy wanted to know if he could not join the Army and go campaigning with such good looking soldiers. The girl told him he could, if he proved himself worthy. He said he thought he was worthy and expressed admiration for the young woman. He made a declaration of love and asked the young woman if she would marry him.

"Not on such short acquaintance," she replied. "Forsake the sin of intoxication and prove by an upright life that you are, sincere, and I will listen to you."

Murphy declared that he was sincere and said he could not refrain from manifesting his love. He threw his arms about the neck of he young woman and kissed her several times. She screamed and her companion threw her bundle of papers at the man's head.

The proprietor of the saloon came from behind the bar, selzed Murphy by the collar and pushed him out of the place. Policeman Burns, who was outside ordered the man to go home. He would not go and again attempted to embrace the Salvation Army lass as she came out of the saloon. The policeman arrested him. In the Yorkville Police Court yesterday the prisoner said he was sorry for what he had done and would not have acted that way had he not been intoxicated. He was fined \$2.

MISS SOMERS ANNOYED.

Followed by a Man Who Seems to Have Been Captivated by Her Voice in the Choir. NEW ROCHELLE, April 9.- The police of this city are looking for a man who has been an-noying Miss Helen Somers of 55 Washington avenue for several weeks. Miss Somers is the soloist of the choir of St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church. She frequently noticed that one person in the church seemed to delight in her singing About four weeks ago, when she left the church on Sunday night, she was follett the church on sunday hight, she was to-lowed to her home by this admirer. As he made no attempt to address her she did not speak of the matter to her family. On the week day nights, when the choir re-hearsed, she noticed that the same man was allowed whout twenty feet distant from her all

On the week day nights, when the choir rebearsed, she noticed that the same man was
always about twenty test distant from her all
the way home. Last Wednesday night he ran
in to her and seized her by the arm. Miss
somers sereamed and attracted the attention
of Mrs. Julia Herold and her son Joseph, who
were a block away. The fellow saw them appsonching and fied.

This afternoon Miss Somers and her two
young sisters were alone in their home, when
the same man came up to the house and rang
the door bell repeatedly. They saw him and
did not answer the bell. He left after about
twenty minutes' ringing when he found there
was no response. The three young women
were badly frightened and to-night the matter was reported to the pelice.

As one seems to know who the man is. He is
about 30 years old and German in appearance.
It is supposed, of course, that he has become
infatuated with Miss Somers on account of her
singing. Inging

CYRIL A. COONEY MISSING.

Disappeared After He Was Punished for Refusing to Go to School.

Cyril A. Cooney, the 15-year-oldson of George W Cooney of 100 Reid avenue, Williamsburg. the cierk of the Coney Island Police Court, is missing from his home. At midnight Saturday night a message was sent from Police Headquarters to all the stations. It read some what as follows: Look for Cyril A. Cooney, missing from hi

home, 100 Reid avenue, Brooklyn; 15 years small for his age, 160 pounds, light complexion brown hair, blue eyes, several back teeth filled with gold; light coat and vest, two pairs of with gold: light coat and vest, two pairs of pants, brown cheek polo cap, lace shoes. May have been kidnipped it boy is found, bersonally notify that, George Met lusky immediately. The police refused to discuss the case when asked about it. At the Cooney home, however, Mrs. Cooney said:

The boy was punished for refusing to go to school, and he left his home on Friday on that account. There is no belief in our minds that he was kidnapped. He will stay away until he gets hungry, and then he will return home. Mr. Cooney is a very intimate friend of Police Inspector MeLaughlin to Brooklyin, and asked Mr McLaughlin to notify the police. We don't know where the boy is now, but hope to hear scon.

BOXING MATCH PREVENTED. Report That There Was to Be a Contest Between Rivals in Love.

The Naval Athletic Association of the Second Battalion, Naval Reserves, held a smoker in Jefferson Hall, Court Square, Brooklyn, Satur-

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Rattallon, Naval Reserves, held a smoker in deferson Hall, Court Square, Brooklyn, Saturday night. There were cornected pipes, good to-bace and a vaudeville show on the programme, but the greatest event of the night, so it was reported, was to have been a fight to a finish between two members who have been at loggerheads for some time. A girl, the story was, was the cause of the trouble between them and they had frequently threatened to white each other. Their triends induced them to apree to fight it out at the smoker. This story was learned by the police, and three detectives managed to get into the smoker without being recognized.

The programme was carried out beautifully until it was time for the boxing match. Both young men were stripped and ready to appear, when the detectives interfered and announced that everybody would be arrested unless the lout was prevented.

The performance thereupon came to an abrupt stop. The belligerents donned their elethes with many a threat as to the future. The smoker came to an end three bours before the time anticipated.

New Officers for the Central Federated Union William J. O'Brien of the Granite Cutters' Union and Samuel Prince of the Clgar Packers' Union were elected President and Vice-Presi dent, respectively, of the Central Federated Union yesterday. This is the first time the central body has had such officers, the cus-tom being to elect a Chairman at every meeting. W.&J. Sloane

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Mrs. Joseph D. Kelley Released from Jail. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 9.-Mrs. Kelley,

sho attempted to shoot her husband, Joseph D. Kelley, and who seriously wounded him, was eleased from jail and to-day accompanied her sister to the home of her parents in Keyport, N. J. The sister, who gave the name of Adams here, but who is the wife of a New York diamond broker named Ostrum, says Mr. Kelley's relatives had not known her whereabouts for several years until they read the report of the shooting.

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